

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., Izaak Walton League of America
General Membership Meeting – Tuesday, August 18, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President, Tom Ciarula.
 - a) A quorum of regular members was present.
 - b) The Pledge of Allegiance and IWLA Pledge were conducted.
 - c) Chapter Officers and Board of Directors present were introduced:
 - i) President – Tom Ciarula
 - ii) Vice-President – Pamela Meara
 - iii) Treasurer – Bob Crisman
 - iv) Designated Director – Dick Riemer
 - v) Designated Director – Bob Brino
 - vi) Designated Director – Joseph Turner
 - vii) Director-at-Large – Keith Kuck
 - viii) Director-at-Large – Chris Rose
 - ix) Director-at-Large – Jim Smith
 - x) Director-at-Large – Oscar Starz
 - xi) Director-at-Large – Art Twichell
 - d) Others introduced:
 - i) Election Chair – Steve Landry
 - ii) National Treasurer – Scott Meyer
 - iii) Virginia Division President – Ernie Padgette
2. **MEMBER TIME**
 - Nothing brought before the membership.
3. **PRESIDENT'S TIME**
 - Ernie Padgette, Virginia Division President and Former Chapter President conducted the Swearing in of newly elected officers & Directors.
 - Vice - President – Pamela Meara
 - Treasurer – Bob Crisman
 - Conservation – John Seaberg
 - Education & Training – Bucky Sills
 - Target Archery - Robert D'Imperio
 - Three Directors-at-large
 - Keith Kuck
 - Oscar Starz
 - Marv Hicks
4. **MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE**
 - Minutes from the July 2020 General Membership Meeting were available for all to review. The minutes were approved as submitted.
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
 - Mr. Crisman presented the Budget Report through the end of July 2020 to the Membership.
 - Income: \$359,483.26
 - Expenditures: \$308,744.23
 - Balance Remaining: \$50,739.03
6. **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**
 - Ms. Meara provided an update on status of the Membership. As of the date of this meeting, 2,062 memberships were accounted for, and new membership rosters have been given to each of the Chapter's ranges.
 - Ms. Meara moved to accept the candidates from the August New Member Orientation (those in attendance and those who were not able to attend) be voted into the Chapter. The motion was adopted.
 - Next Gun show will July 24-26, 2020. If you are available and would like to assist. Please visit SignUpGenius to volunteer.
 - Next New Member Orientation is scheduled for September 12, 2020 starting at 9 a.m. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining have them go to the chapter website for information.

- We have started taking credit card payments for members, and it has been going very well.
- Wanted to make sure that everyone knows that our membership is not full and we have not been full for several years. This is a bad rumor that keeps getting passed around.

7. *SPECIAL COMMITTEES*

- By-Laws
 - Ms. Meara provided an update to the current proposed bylaw revision concerning the Youth Chapter.
 - Youth Chapter members use of Chapter facilities is limited to participation in sponsored or sanctioned organized activities (meetings, practices, etc.) by the Chapter when not accompanied by an adult who is also a chapter member.
 - Proposed bylaws were approved by the BOD at the July 2020 BOD meeting.
 - This information will be in the November/December/January newsletter and will be voted on at the November General Membership meeting.
- Awards Committee
 - Pamela Meara – Chapter Awards Committee Member presented the following awards:
 - Chapter VIP Award:
 - This award was established in 2016 to recognize and award those volunteers who spend a lot of their time in assisting the chapter. For 2019 the award was given to Marv Hicks and Landy McCutcheon
 - Scott Meyer – Chapter Awards Committee Chair presented the following awards:
 - IWLA National Award for Best Chapter Newsletter for chapters with 500 or more members for 2019.
 - Pamela Meara - Editor-in-Chief, Tim Terrell - Copy Editor, and Ellen MacBrayne - Design & Production accepted the award for the chapter.
 - IWLA National Award for Best Website for 2019
 - Pamela Meara, website manager accepted the award for the chapter.
 - Chapter Defenders Award
 - For overall chapter activities in the five critical areas of conservation, memberships, newsletter, scholarships, and youth activities.
 - IWLA National Best Membership Recruitment and Retention Award.
 - This award recognized the chapter that has carried out the most effective membership recruitment and retention programs in 2019. Pamela Meara accepted the award for the chapter.
- Education & Training
 - Training courses have started back up. There is a Reloading course this weekend. All information is listed on the Education & Training website page.
- Shotgun Range
 - Mr. Brino provided information on the Lead reclamation project that was completed in July 2020.
 - Invitation to anyone interested in Skeet & Trap to come out and see what the range has to offer.
- Field Archery
 - Mr. Riemer informed the membership on an upcoming Archery 101 class in September and October.
- Membership Recruitment/Retention
 - Mr. Smith informed the membership that approximately 360 former members that did not renew for the 2018-2019 year were contacted, and that 37 former members are renewing due to being contacted.

- Target Archery
 - Mr. D'Imperio will be conducting an inventory of current equipment at Target Archery and ensuring everything is in good condition.

8. ***OLD BUSINESS***

- Nothing to report.

9. ***NEW BUSINESS***

- Mr. Crisman informed everyone about Amazon smile donations. The chapter received \$113 for that the quarter from Amazon.

10. ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

- Ms. Meara announced that the Chapter Annual Picnic and the Christmas Party for Disadvantaged has been cancelled for 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM

Signed: Pam Meara, VP for
Sean Gagnon, Secretary